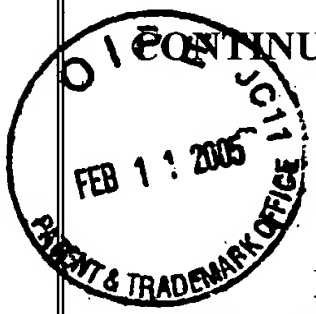


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	Filing Date April 27, 2000
	First Named Inventor: Hanley, Jr. et al.
	Art Unit: 1647
	Examiner Name: Robert Clinton Hayes
	Confirmation No.: 3083
	Attorney Docket No. 038151/195944

**This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.** Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
  - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
  - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ii. ☐ Affidavits(s)/Declarations(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS); of cites listed on PTO Form 1449
  - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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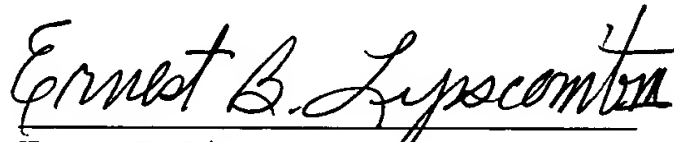
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3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiencies, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.
- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
(\$790.00 large entity; \$395.00 small entity)
- ii. ☐ Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F. R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$395 enclosed

Respectfully submitted,



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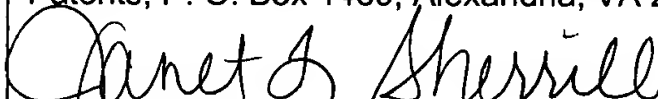
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.115  
ACCOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION**

Sir:

Please enter this Preliminary Amendment before calculating the claim fee and amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.